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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support**

**SUBJECT : Allen Dulles Papers**

**REFERENCE : DD/S 69-1704, dated 14 April 1969,  
Subject as above**

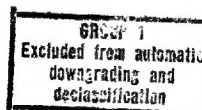
1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. The above-referenced memorandum requested that the Director of Security arrange for the review of the Allen W. Dulles papers which had been turned over to the Agency by Mrs. Dulles and were in the custody of the Office of Security. The papers were stored in six safes and five boxes using several filing systems, including chronological, alpha, numeric, subjective and miscellaneous breakdowns. The purpose of the review was to extract from these records classified material which should be retained by the Agency with the remaining material to be forwarded to the Allen Dulles estate.

3. The initial review of the Dulles papers began in May 1969. This review was performed by [REDACTED] an Agency retiree who had assisted Mr. Dulles in both research and writings. The papers, following a preselected plan, were separated into three categories on a "sensitivity basis": 25X1A9a

**Category I - nonsensitive material which  
could be returned to the estate;**

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**Category II - material presenting a possible question as to sensitivity; and**

**Category III - classified and definitely sensitive material which should remain in the Agency.**

**A copy of the inventory is attached (see Attachment A).**

4. As a follow-up security measure, the papers were reviewed by the Office of Security to ensure that classified material was not overlooked. Additionally, all material that was released to the estate was reviewed prior to such release by [REDACTED] who served as Executive Assistant to Mr. Dulles. Following these reviews and with prior arrangement with Mrs. Dulles, three boxes of papers and a box of medals were delivered to her residence on 30 June 1970. The material was accepted by Mrs. Dulles' maid, Anna Shipman, since Mrs. Dulles was not at home (see Attachment B). A follow-up delivery of material was made on 14 July 1971 which consisted of three wooden four-drawer cabinets and one metal five-drawer cabinet containing the personal papers of Mr. Dulles (see Attachment C). Additionally, a memorandum, dated 3 August 1971, from the General Counsel set forth an approved recommendation by the Director of Central Intelligence that two envelopes of printed material identified as the [REDACTED] Papers be released to Mrs. Dulles (see Attachment D). A final memorandum, dated 29 September 1971, sets forth the contents of the final transfer of material to Mrs. Dulles. This shipment consisted of three drawers of material as described in Attachment E.

5. Material in Category II above was referred to as Category III in a letter written by the General Counsel, dated 8 July 1969, and was also mentioned in the concluding comments of an inventory of the Dulles papers, dated 11 July 1969. Accordingly, Category II was not to be released to the estate but was to be retained by the Agency for an indefinite period of time (see Attachments F and G). Unclassified but sensitive material to be retained by CIA is stored in Safes 2331 and 2182 (see Attachment H).

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6. Material considered for retention by the Agency consists of ten drawers of selected files and papers now in my custody which are listed in Attachment H.

7. It is recommended that the material referred to in paragraph 6 above, which may be of value to historical researchers, be transferred to the custody of the DCI Records Administration Officer for incorporation into the DCI historical collection [REDACTED]

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Howard J. Gurnea  
Director of Security

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**Attachments**

The recommendation contained in paragraph 7 is approved.

*Signd*

John W. Coffey  
Deputy Director  
for Support

9 JUN 1972

Date

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